

## **REMARKS**

Claims 21-32 and 46-51 are pending in the application with claim 27 amended herein, claim 45 cancelled herein, and new claims 46-51 added herein.

Claims 21-32 and 45 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 19 and 20 of U.S. Patent 7,311,767. Applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer overcoming the double patenting rejection and requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

Claims 21-32 and 45 stand provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims of patent applications listed on page 5 of the Office Action. Applicant asserts that all pending claims are otherwise allowable and requests withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejection.

Claims 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hays ('477). Claims 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hays ('477). Applicant requests reconsideration.

Applicant herein amends claim 27 to incorporate the entire subject matter of previous claim 45. The above mentioned double patenting rejections are the only rejections of claim 45 in the Office Action. Since the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection and the provisional double patenting rejection is subject to withdrawal, Applicant asserts that amended claim 27 is in condition for allowance. Claims 28-32


depend from claim 27 and are in condition for allowance at least for such reason as well as for the additional limitations of such claims not disclosed or suggested.

New claims 46-51 are supported at least by page 7, lines 6-22, page 10, lines 11-27, page 16, line 23 to page 17, line 4, and elsewhere throughout the present specification. Applicant asserts that Hays ('477) fails to disclose or suggest every limitation of any one of claims 46-51.

Applicant herein establishes adequate reasons supporting patentability of claims 21-32 and 46-51 and requests allowance of all pending claims in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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